



## News Release

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### **New Playground Will Help Strengthen Bonds, Promote Community Unity** *Inclusive playground under construction in Hyde County*

ENGELHARD, NC: A new, all-inclusive playground at Engelhard Recreational Park will soon be under construction. Equipment includes a rubber surface to allow for smooth transport with wheelchairs, doublewide ramps to access slides and other elements, and equipment that will appeal to children with sensory issues. The playground will provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages and abilities to play together outside.

Trillium is providing \$377,000 for construction of the playground, located at 33478 US-264 in Engelhard. Cunningham Recreation, the recreation and playground installer selected for the project, uses research-based programs and education to deliver the most tailored play and recreation environments in the world.

“Trillium is so excited to start on this playground in Engelhard and continue making a positive impact on the community,” says Joy Futrell, Trillium’s CEO. “This playground will help children with all abilities to better enjoy play time with their peers, and family members can participate in outside play together. By focusing on the power of play rather than our differences, this park will help eliminate the stigma of disabilities.”

Trillium first offered these grants in 2015, and has since constructed more than 30 playgrounds across our region. Each location received a grant amount appropriate for the scope of work and land space allocated for developing or updating a playground. To learn more, [please visit our website](#). We will announce an opening date soon.

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Trillium Health Resources is an innovative health plan for individuals with serious behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injury in 46 counties in North Carolina. Through contracts with NCDHHS, we serve Medicaid members on NC Medicaid Direct, state-funded recipients who are uninsured, and members on the Innovations Waiver. Trillium's mission is transforming lives and building community well-being through partnership and proven solutions. We take an integrated approach to health and wellbeing, coordinating care across multiple systems to achieve improved health outcomes, quality of care and efficient use of resources. Trillium is dedicated to meeting the unique needs of the individuals and communities we serve, and remains focused on delivering the right services, in the right amount, at the right time. For more information, visit [www.TrilliumHealthResources.org](http://www.TrilliumHealthResources.org).

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